

# Delaware State Police Arrest Camden Man for Multiple Thefts of Catalytic Converters

*Kent and Sussex County, DE-* Delaware State Police arrested **Jarrad Whitaker, 33, of Camden**, for multiple thefts of catalytic converters.

Since September 2021, Delaware State Police in Kent and Sussex County began investigating a rash of catalytic converter thefts. During the investigation, troopers worked with multiple other police agencies and developed **Jarrad Whitaker** as a suspect in these incidents. On January 18, 2022, a search warrant was executed at Whitaker's residence on Thomas Harmon Drive, Camden, and on his vehicle. During the investigation, multiple items were recovered as evidence that linked Whitaker to seven separate Delaware State Police theft of catalytic converter incidents in Kent and Sussex County.

On January 19, 2022, Whitaker was taken into custody without incident and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- (3 counts) Theft \$1500 or greater (Felony)
- (4 counts) Criminal Mischief
- Criminal Trespass Second Degree
- (2 counts) Theft Under \$1,500
- (3 counts) Criminal Trespass Third Degree
- (2 counts) Criminal Mischief between \$1,000 and \$5,000 damage (Felony)

Whitaker was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court and released after posting a \$4,780.00 secured bond.

Delaware State Police Detectives continue to work with other police agencies as this remains an active investigation.

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